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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM CONDEMNS GUATEMALAN AGRESSION AND
PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR BELIZE

1. ON NOVEMBER 6, 1975 GUYANA'S PRIME MINISTER FORBES BURNHAM
ISSUED A STATEMENT THROUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CONDEMNING
MILITARY THREATS AND AGRESSIVJIBEHAVIOR BY GOG AGAINST BELIZE.
HE ALSO PLEDGED TO "ASSIST IN ALL POSSIBLE WAYS THE PEOPLE OF
BELIZE IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR SELF DETERMINATION".

2. IN HIS STATEMENT, BURNHAM NOTED GOG CONCERN OVER PRESSURE
AND MILITARY THREATS BEING MOUNTED BY GUATEMALA AGAINST BELIZE.
HE SAID THIS CAMPAIGN IS PREVENTING BELIZE FROM ACHIEVING INDE-
PENDENCE AND HAMPERS ITS SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. BURNHAM
REMINDS GUATEMALA THAT NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES PLEDGED SUPPORT
FOR BELIZE DURING RECENT MEETING IN LIMA, PERU. HE ADDED GUATE-
MALA'S RECENT MOVES "ARE CALCULATED TO ERODE THE SOLIDRITY OF
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THE REGION AT A TIME WHEN ALL OF ITS EFFORTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED

TO THE TASK OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION".
CONCLUDING, BURNHAM PLEDGED GUYANA'S SUPPORT FOR BELIZE.

3. COMMENT: RECENTLY, BURNHAM HAS ATTEMPTED TO GAIN PERSONAL
RECOGNITION AS A LEADER IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, AND TO HAVE
GUYANA ASSOCIATED WITH THE MORE RADICAL ELEMENTS OF THAT MOVEMENT.
THIS STATEMENT WILL HELP HIM AND GUYANA TO ACHIEVE THAT STATUS.
BURNHAM IS ALSO ATTEMPTING TO MAKE A CASE AND GAIN SUPPORT FOR HIS
OWN FUTURE INTERESTS, IN THE EVENT OF AN ATTACK FROM VENEZUELA OR
SURINAM OVER THIS FORMER BRITISH COLONY'S DISPUTED BORDERS.
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